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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND REQUEST FOR REISSUANCE THEREOF**

Sir:

The comments below are intended to be fully responsive to the Office Action mailed October 6, 2006, which set a nominal response due date of November 6, 2006. Specifically, applicants request that the restriction requirement of October 6, 2006 be withdrawn and reissued with a new response due date.

In support of this request, the undersigned notes that the October 6, 2006 restriction requirement was erroneously based on originally published claims 1 through 20. Claims 1 through 20 were however canceled by the Preliminary Amendment filed February 11, 2006, which added new claims 21 through 39. Thus, an action based on claims 21 through 39 is required. An action based on claims 21-39 is therefore awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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